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1. IN OPENING REMARKS, CONGRESSMAN WOLFE STATED: QUOTE: "I WAS IMPRESSED WITH THE ACTIVITIES OF THE UN FUND AND WITH THE PROGRESS THAT HAS BEEN MADE. THIS PROGRESS, HOWEVER, HAS BEEN MADE UNDER THE MOST DIFFICULT OF CIRCUMSTANCES BECAUSE THERE SEEMS TO BE A LACK OF COOPERATION BY MANY NATIONS OF THE WORLD IN ADDRESSING THE MOUNTING PROBLEM OF DRUG ABUSE. SOME OF THE MORE PROSPEROUS NATIONS HAVE CUT THEIR CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE FUND SUBSTANTIALLY WHILE OTHER NATIONS WHO SHOULD BE INVOLVED HAVE NOT CONTRIBUTED AT ALL. IN MANY CASES THIS HAS BEEN ATTRIBUTED BY SUCH NATIONS TO INTERNAL ECONOMIC PRIORITIES. HOWEVER, IT MUST BE UNDERSTOOD THAT INTERNATIONAL NARCOTICS TRAFFIC IS NOT SOLELY A PROBLEM OF THE UNITED STATES. IN FACT THE UNITED STATES PRODUCES NO NARCOTIC RAW MATERIALS AT ALL. NARCOTICS TRAFFIC IS CLOSELY TIED TO INTERNATIONAL CRIME AND MORAL DECAY AND THEREFORE NATIONS WHO DO NOT PARTICIPATE IN THE UN FUND OR CONTRIBUTE IN SOME TOKEN FASHION OR DISPLAY A PERMISSIVE ATTITUDE TOWARDS THIS ILLICIT ACTIVITY ARE OPENLY INVITING THE CONTAGION

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OF THIS DISEASE TO SPREAD TO THEIR SHORES.

2. SUBSEQUENTLY, WHEN ASKED SPECIFICALLY ABOUT THE NETHERLANDS, CONGRESSMAN WOLF STATED: QUOTE: THE NETHERLANDS I MENTIONED IN THE REMARKS THAT I MADE REGARDING THE PERMISSIVE STATES. THIS IS A FAILURE, I THINK, UPON THE PART OF THE GOVERNMENT OF THE NETHERLANDS TO RECOGNIZE THE IMPORTANCE OF THE PROBLEM; AND THE NETHERLANDS TODAY ARE A CENTRAL TRAFFICING POINT FOR NARCOTICS THAT ARE BEING CIRCULATED THROUGHOUT EUROPE. IT IS REGRETTABLE THAT THEY HAVE NOT TAKEN STEPS TO STOP THIS TRAFFIC, SINCE THE PROBLEM AS IT EXISTS IS ONE IN WHICH WE HAVE TO DIFFERENTIATE BETWEEN THE TYPES OF DRUGS WHICH ARE BEING TRAFFICED IN; AND UNFORTUNATELY, BECAUSE OF THE PERMISSIVE ATTITUDE OF THE NETHERLANDS TODAY, THE TRAFFIC IN HARD DRUGS IS BEING IN SOME FASHION FACILITATED BY THE ATTITUDE THAT HAS BEEN DISPLAYED, AND THERE IS UNFORTUNATE PERMISSIVE COMPLICITY IN THE TRAFFIC. UNQUOTE.

IN OPENING REMARKS, CONGRESSMAN SCHEUER STATED: QUOTE: I THINK THAT THE CONTRIBUTIONS OF THE COUNTRIES OF WESTERN EUROPE AND THE CONTRIBUTIONS OF THE OIL-RICH ARAB STATES HAVE BEEN A DISGRACE..... I KNOW PERSONALLY THAT THE TOP LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICIALS OF VIRTUALLY EVERY COUNTRY IN EUROPE ARE DEATHLY AFRAID OF THE IMPACT OF MIND ALTERING DRUGS ON THEIR YOUTH. AND TO MY MIND IT IS A TRAGIC AND BITTER IRONY THAT THEIR CONCERN HAS BEEN ABSOLUTELY NOT REFLECTED IN ANY WAY IN THE CONTRIBUTIONS OF THEIR GOVERNMENTS. THE UNITED STATES OVER THE PAST FOUR YEARS HAS CONTRIBUTED \$18 MILLION TO THE SPECIAL FUND. CANADA HAS CONTRIBUTED \$1 MILLION, AND WITH A POPULATION OF ABOUT 15 OR 16 MILLION ROUGHLY COMPARABLE ON A PER CAPITA BASIS. THE PEOPLES REPUBLIC OF CHINA AND THE USSR HAVE CONTRIBUTED NOTHING. INDIA HAS CONTRIBUTED NOTHING. THE NETHERLANDS HAS CONTRIBUTED NOTHING. SWITZERLAND -- WITH A VERY SERIOUS DRUG PROBLEM -- HAS CONTRIBUTED NOTHING. AUSTRIA, WITH A SERIOUS DRUG PROBLEM HAS CONTRIBUTED \$20,000, BELGIUM \$5,000, GERMANY \$500,000, ITALY \$200,000, DENMARK \$200,000, SWEDEN \$250,000, THE UNITED KINGDOM \$375,000, JAPAN \$800,000, FRANCE \$600,000. THESE ARE FOUR YEAR CUMULATIVE CONTRIBUTIONS, AND I CONSIDER THE UNCLASSIFIED

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ORDER OF MAGNITUDE OF THESE CONTRIBUTIONS A SHOCKING AND TRAGIC COMMENTARY ON THE INSENSITIVITY OF THEIR GOVERNMENTS TO THE IMPACT OF THE INTERNATIONAL DRUG TRAFFIC ON THE VICTIM COUNTRIES OF WESTERN EUROPE AND THE UNITED STATES AND A TRAGIC COMMENTARY ON THEIR OWN LACK OF RESPONSIBILITY AND THEIR LACK OF SENSITIVITY TO THIS PROBLEM. UNQUOTE. CATTO

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